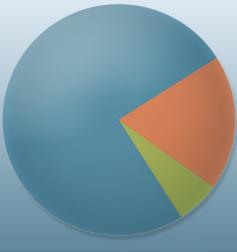


Washington State Business Employment Dynamics Third Quarter 2012



Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages
Business Employment Dynamics
July through September 2012

Figure 1

Net change in jobs, seasonally adjusted, U.S. and Washington state, 1994 Q3 through 2012 Q3

Figure 2

Quarterly gross job gains and losses, seasonally adjusted, Washington state, 1994 Q3 through 2012 Q3

Figure 3

Net change in job gains and losses by industry, seasonally adjusted, United States, 2012 Q3

Figure 4

Net change in job gains and losses by industry, seasonally adjusted, Washington state, 2012 Q3

Figure 5

Net change in jobs by industry sector, seasonally adjusted, Washington state, 2011 Q3 and 2012 Q3

The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics' Business Employment Dynamics (BED) data series highlights the forces driving labor market dynamics at the state and national levels. Job gains and losses at private business establishments are tracked showing employment changes due to establishment openings or closings versus adding or shedding jobs at existing firms. The most recent BED data cover events through the third quarter of 2012.

Both the state and nation showed slower growth

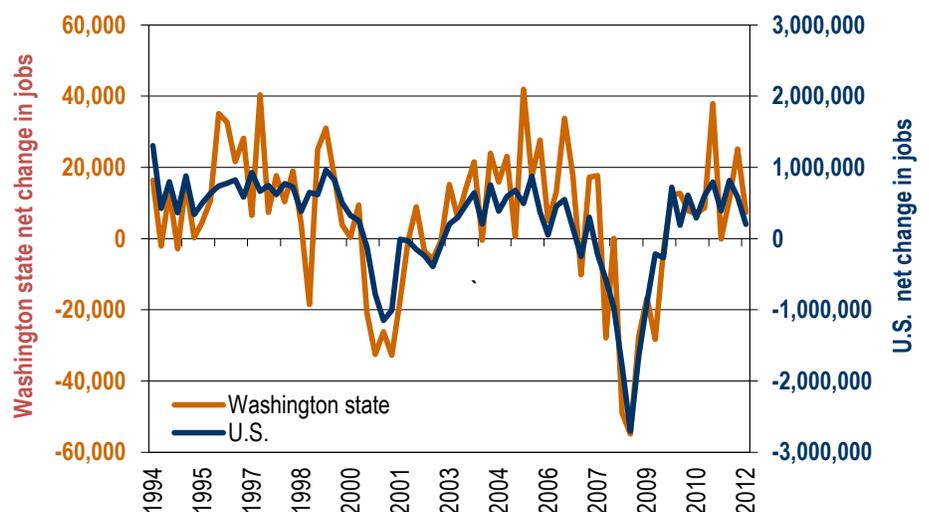
The data for the third quarter of 2012 show ten consecutive quarters of employment growth nationally since the recovery began in the first quarter of 2010. Washington state also

showed a net employment growth of 7,370 in the third quarter of 2012. This was a decrease from second quarter net growth of 25,138 jobs.

Figure 1 depicts this changing dynamic and compares Washington state to national trends. On both a national and state basis, net job gains and losses are sensitive to the business cycle. During the 2001 recession, net job losses appeared very quickly. Net job growth resumed in 2002 and carried through until the recent recession beginning in the fourth quarter of 2007.

At the national level, the number of private-sector gross job gains from opening and expanding establishments increased from

Figure 1. Net change in jobs, seasonally adjusted
United States and Washington state, 1994 Q3 through 2012 Q3
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics data series



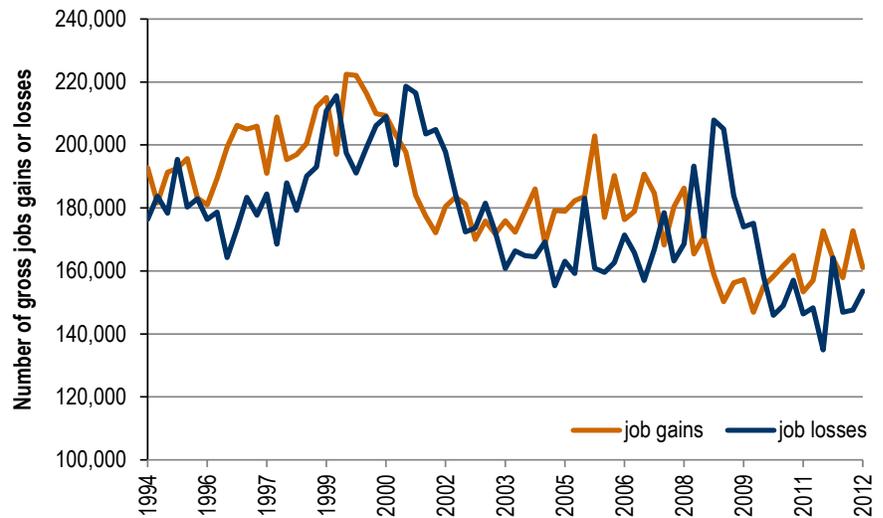
Washington Job growth slowed in the third quarter of 2012.

7,004,000 in the second quarter of 2012 to 6,813,000 in the third quarter of 2012. On a seasonally adjusted basis, this was an increase of 191,000 in gross job gains compared to the previous quarter. The number of gross job losses from closing and contracting firms in the third quarter was 6,614,000, up 192,000 from the second quarter of 2012. Private-sector employment rose by 199,000 in the third quarter of 2012 compared to an increase of 582,000 in the second quarter of 2012.

Washington state had 161,011 job gains from new and expanding private businesses and 153,641 job losses from businesses closing or contracting for a net gain of 7,370 jobs in the third quarter. This compares to a net gain of 25,138 jobs in

Figure 2. Quarterly gross job gains and losses, seasonally adjusted Washington state, 1994 Q3 through 2012 Q3

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics data series



Gross job gains decreased while losses increased in Washington state in the third quarter of 2012.

the second quarter of 2012 and net growth of 37,871 jobs in the third quarter of 2011.

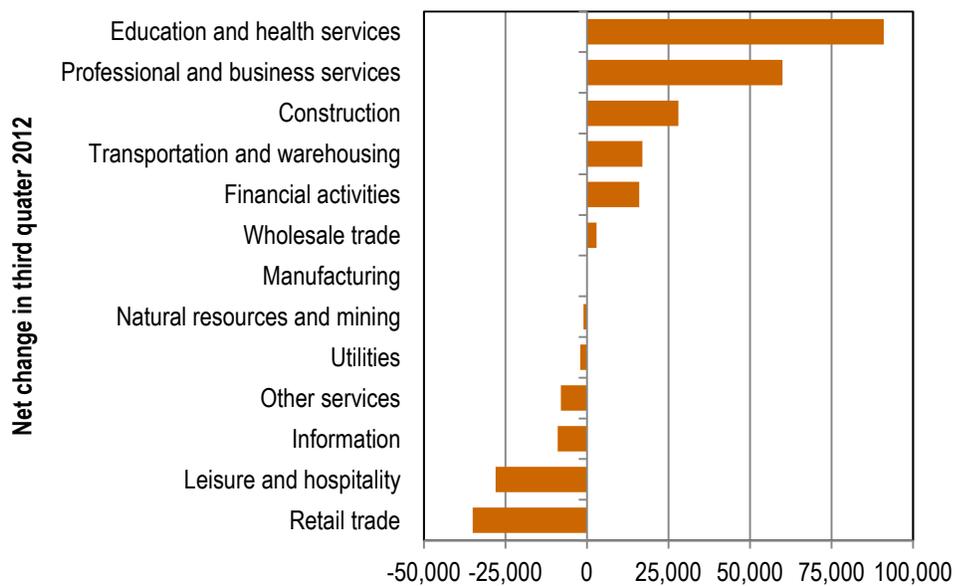
Figure 2 shows the quarterly pattern of gross job gains and losses in Washington state.

Industries show mixed job gains nationally

The data in Figure 3 illustrate the net change in industry employment for the US. Total private-sector employment grew by 199,000 in the third quarter of 2012. Service-providing industries had a seasonally adjusted net gain of 172,000 jobs in the third quarter of 2012 compared to the third quarter of 2012. The goods-producing industries posted a net gain of 27,000 jobs in the third quarter of 2012.

Figure 3. Net change in job gains and losses by industry, seasonally adjusted United States, 2012 Q3

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics data series



Nationally, education and health services had the most job gains and retail trade reported the greatest job loss in the third quarter of 2012.

Washington state industry employment

Figure 4 shows net employment changes in Washington state industry sectors. Total private-sector employment had a net increase in employment of 21,654. Eight Washington state sectors reported net job gains in the third quarter of 2012. The top industry sector in job gains was manufacturing at 6,283.

Education and health services reported the largest net loss of 1,389 jobs. Washington state data for natural resources, mining and utilities are not disclosed to maintain employer confidentiality.

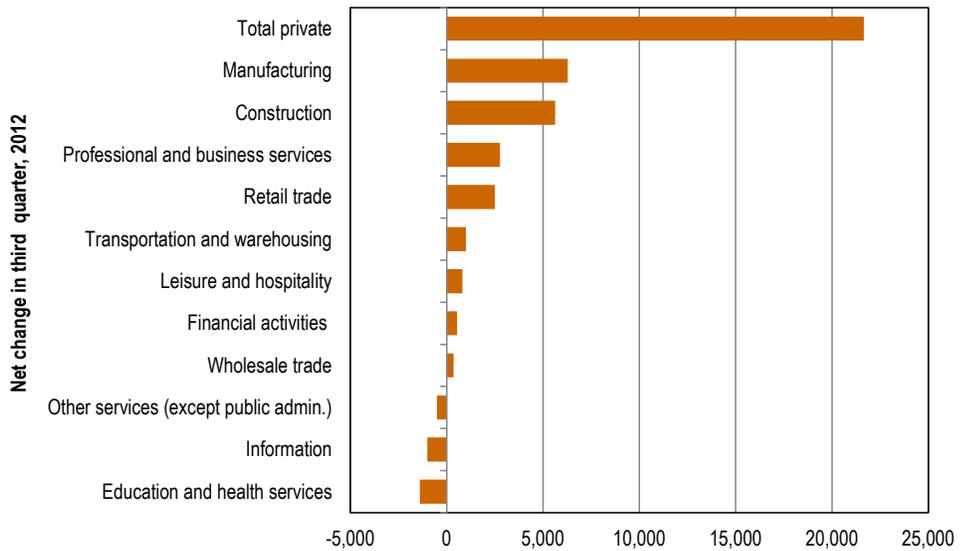
Total private-industry employment increased in the third quarter of 2011 by 54,399 jobs. Manufacturing had the most net jobs gains of 9,586. Other services had the largest loss for the quarter of 636 jobs.

Comparing third quarter 2011 to the third quarter 2012 in Washington state (Figure 5):

- In the third quarter of 2012, more industries showed net job losses and those that did have gains had smaller ones than a year earlier.
- Total private-sector employment growth in the third quarter of 2012 declined by 60 percent compared to the same quarter a year ago.
- Professional and business services, transportation and warehousing, leisure and hospitality and manufacturing industries all showed slower net job growth in 2012 Q3 compared to 2011 Q3.

Figure 4. Net change in job gains and losses by industry, seasonally adjusted Washington state, 2012 Q3

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics data series

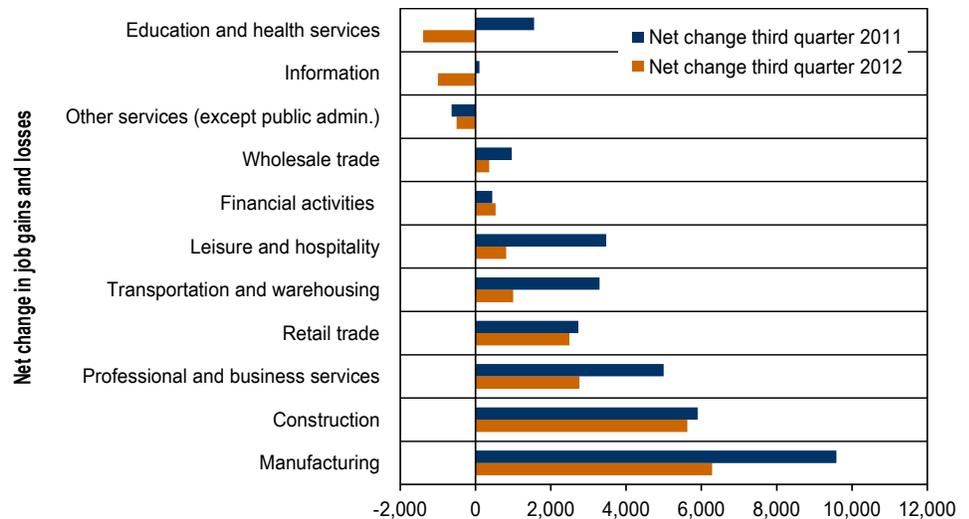


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In Washington state, manufacturing had the most job gains while education and health services reported job losses in the third quarter of 2012.

Figure 5. Net change in jobs by industry sector, seasonally adjusted Washington state, 2011 Q3 and 2012 Q3

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics data series



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Washington's industry sectors had fewer job gains in the third quarter of 2012 than a year ago.

- Education and health services, information and other services all had losses in jobs in 2012 Q3 due generally to an increase in contractions and closing of establishments compared to a year ago.
- Growth in construction, retail trade and financial activities was similar in 2012 Q3 and 2011 Q3

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